## CITY OF LAS VEGAS ETHICS REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

## December 6, 2001 (Open Meeting)

I. The Special Meeting of the Ethics Review Board was called to order by Chair Earle W. White, Jr. at 10:01 a.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 400 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

II. MEMBERS PRESENT: Earle W. White, Jr., Chair

Robert Fleming, Vice Chair

Danae Adams Louis Johnson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Eileen Brookman

Linda Young

STAFF PRESENT: Beverly Bridges, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Linda Owens, Deputy City Clerk

Board members were identified for the record.

III. Chief Deputy City Clerk Beverly Bridges noted that the meeting was properly noticed and posted in accordance with N.R.S. 241.

## IV. <u>BUSINESS (OPEN MEETING)</u>

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO ADVISE THE BOARD ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE ISSUE OF MICHAEL BELLON AND FRANK MAIONE/MICHAEL MACK.

Chair White said he would recommend that the Board consider John J. Graves, Jr. as Special Legal Counsel on this matter. Chair White has known Mr. Graves for a considerable period of time. Mr. Graves is willing to act as the Special Legal Counsel to the Board since the City Attorney's Office has declared a conflict and will not be assisting in this matter.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Robert Fleming, and seconded by Member Louis Johnson, to accept John J. Graves, Jr. as the Special Legal Counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

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B. SELECTION OF NEW DATE FOR HEARING BY THE ETHICS REVIEW BOARD ON THE COMPLAINT FILED ON OCTOBER 23, 2001 BY MICHAEL BELLON AND FRANK MAIONE AGAINST COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MACK.

Chair White said the hearing date had been set for today, but he was unable to obtain a Special Legal Counsel inasmuch as many attorneys that were contacted had conflicts, family emergencies, or a calendar, which would not permit them to make this kind of commitment. He has no intention of dragging this matter out for a period of time because it would not be fair to anyone involved. One area where this board is very proud is that it does not have any matters pending. When he came on this Board there were matters as much as a year behind that needed an Opinion. Now that the Board has Mr. Graves, it will be able to move forward on this matter. However, there needs to be a date set for the hearing.

Chair White said he is in receipt of a copy of Attorney Richard Wright's letter, Counsel to Councilman Michael Mack, which is his Discovery request. He will provide Mr. Sgro with a copy so the names of persons out of state can be obtained.

Attorney John J. Graves, Jr. said he would prefer this matter be held at least 30 days, if not longer. There are depositions, etc. that will need to be done. Attorney Richard Wright said he would prefer the hearing would be at least six weeks in the future because of his own calendar. Chair White anticipates the hearing will take one day.

After discussion, it was decided by all the parties involved that the hearing would be held on February 14, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. in the 8th Floor City Manager's Conference Room.

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V. <u>CITIZENS PARTICIPATION</u>: Items raised under this portion of the Agenda cannot be acted upon until the notice provisions of the Open Meeting Law have been complied with. Therefore, action on such items will have to be considered at a later time.

NONE

(10:08 - 10:09) **1 - 230** 

## VI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Robert Fleming, and seconded by Danae Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 A.M. Motion carried unanimously. (Hearing to be held on February 14, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. in the 8th Floor City Manager's Conference Room.)

Respect	fully subi	mitted,	
Linda M	Owens	Deputy City Clerk	